

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2268 TO BE ANSWERED ON: 21.03.2023

Fertilizer subsidy based on caste category of farmers

2268. DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS:

Will the Minister of **CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS**, be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has sought a mandatory 'caste category' of farmers in the entry introduced in point of sale (PoS) machines in fertilizer shops for getting fertilizer subsidies;
- (b) if so, the reasons & details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government has any plans in future to provide fertilizer subsidy based on caste of the farmers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

(SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Government has introduced provision of entry of caste category in the Point of Sale (POS) machines in fertilizer shops for the reason of capturing the data.

(c) & (d): No Sir. Such plan is not under consideration.
